

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Office Action of January 11, 2008. The due date for response extends to April 11, 2008. Claims 18-23 were cancelled and claim 24 was added. Independent claims 1 and 9 were amended. Please reconsider the claims in view of these amendments and clarifying comments.

Claims 1-4, 6, 9-11, 13, 16, 18-19, and 23 were rejected under 35 USC § 102 (b), as being anticipated over Chatani et al. (EP 1229476). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Applicants are aware of EP 1229476, authored by Applicant Chatani of this present application. EP 1229476 concerns the process of protocols used to secure two-way encryption between a server and a client computer. To achieve the encryption level, a User A and User B (User public and private key pairs) are formed, Console A and Console B (Console public and private key pairs) are formed, and Title A and Title B (Title public and private key pairs) are formed. The Examiner correctly points to the text of Figures 2A and 2B, that illustrate the exchange and encryption process conducted between the server and the client. Notice that the teachings of EP 1229476 would not function if another computer were allowed to interject between the two-way encryption key pairs. The Examiner points to paragraph 0024, which discusses off-line decryption. The example discusses using a telephone to communicate the encryption information, such as an alphanumeric entry. The user then returns to the computer (e.g., console), and enters the information to complete the decryption process with the server. In either case, the encryption and decryption process is between the client and server.

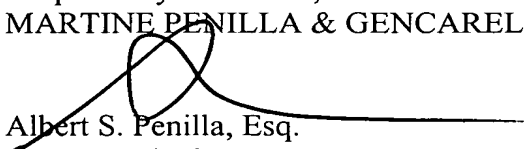
In the claimed embodiments, a client device is provided to request and obtain a digital authentication ticket. The ticket is saved to the memory of the client device, and is then transmitted to the computer system having the particular computer readable media. The user can thus collect or obtain various tickets, save them to memory of the client device, and when the user is ready to activate some content, the user simply transfers the ticket to the computer that can play the content. Thus, the route of the ticket is from the server, to the client device, and then to the computer system. This is different from the teachings of EP 1229476, which provide for embodiments that *negotiate* encryption between the server and client console.

Claims 5, 7-8, 12, 14-15, 17, and 20-22 were rejected under 35 USC § 103 (a), as being obvious over EP 1229476 in view of 20020098888. Rejection of these dependent claims is respectfully traversed. It is submitted that the independent claims, as clarified, and new independent claim 24, are patentable for at least the same reasons the independent claims are believed to be patentable. As noted above, the independent claims were rejected by the teachings of one of the Applicants patent filings, and such teachings are directed to different encryption configurations. Although such encryption processes work well in the embodiments defined in EP1229476, such teachings do not extend to the now clarified invention. For at least these reasons, the Applicants respectfully request the Office to withdraw the Section 103 rejection.

New claim 24 was added. Claim 24 defines one embodiment of the present invention, where the client computer is a wireless device. Additionally, the transaction between the server and a game console, as well as the invalidation of the digital code is defined. No new matter was added, and specific reference can be made to paragraphs 0048- 0056. No teaching regarding this claimed embodiment is found in the cited art of record. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the claim and provide an indication of allowability.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6903. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No SONYP026). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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